MR. EDAVANATT S. PADMANABHA MENON (*Shertala I*): I am sure.

MR. L. H. JACOB (*Ag. Chief Engineer*): I claim notice.

Ottapunna-Kanichakulangara road.

2.* MR. EDAVANATT S. PADMANABHA MENON (*Shertala I*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the work, in connection with the Ottapunna-Kanichakulangara road from the 16th mile of the Aroor road cutting the Arathumkal road on the 2nd mile, will be taken up next year; and

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the negative, the reasons for the same?

MR. L. H. JACOB (*Ag. Chief Engineer*): The answer to (*a*) is in the negative and to (*b*), for want of funds.

MR. EDAVANATT S. PADMANABHA MENON (*Shertala I*): Are the Government aware that a few years ago, a constructive scheme was suggested, by the representatives of the people of Shertala and the officers of Government, for a system of cross roads connecting the Alleppey-Aroor road?

MR. L. H. JACOB (*Ag. Chief Engineer*): Government are not aware.

Breach on the Main Central road near the Mamam Bridge.

3.* MR. K. PADMANABHAN (*Chirayinkil I*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether they are aware that considerable hardship is caused to the line buses running from Attingal to Trivandrum on account of the breach on the M. C. road near the Mamam Bridge?

MR. L. H. JACOB (*Ag. Chief Engineer*): No doubt there may be some inconvenience; but it is not so serious, as the diversion through Venjarumoodu is only 3 miles longer. The inconvenience is inevitable until the masonry bridge is rebuilt and the road to Trivandrum is restored.

MR. PUTUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon II*): Is the member aware of a bridge called Mamam *Palam* on the M. C. road?

MR. L. H. JACOB (*Ag. Chief Engineer*): It is not on the M. C road.

MR. PUTUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon II*): May I know in which road that bridge is situated?

MR. L. H. JACOB (*Ag. Chief Engineer*): It is in the 19th mile of the Trivandrum-Quilon road.

MR. K. PADMANABHAN (*Chirayinkil I*): May I know whether the Government are aware that the line buses coming from Attingal to Trivandrum now have to come by a circuitous route *via* Nedumangad?

MR. L. H. JACOB (*Ag. Chief Engineer*): Service buses from Quilon need come only through Venjarumoodu. There is no occasion to go to Nedumangad.

MR. K. PADMANABHAN (*Chirayinkil I*): How many miles more do these buses have to travel by coming through Venjarumoodu?

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PRESIDENT : The question has already been answered.

MR. K. PADMANABHAN (*Chirayinkil I*) : May I know whether the Government propose to improve that road and make it cartable in the near future ?

MR. L. H. JACOB (*Ag. Chief Engineer*) : Yes ; we intend to take up the bridge during the coming year ; funds have been provided for that in the budget.

Audit of Railway accounts.

4.* **MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN** (*Mavelikara*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether they are checking and auditing the receipts and expenditure of the Shencotta-Quilon and the Quilon-Trivandrum Railways ; and

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, the name, status and pay of the officer who is deputed for that work ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) : The accounts of the Company are audited by the auditors of the Government of India ... .

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*) : I cannot catch even a syllable.

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) : The accounts of the Company are being audited by an auditor of the Government of India, and such audited accounts are accepted by the Government here.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*) : My question is whether the Government of Travancore are checking and auditing the expenditure on the Quilon-Shencotta Railway.

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) : They are not doing it.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*) : May I know why ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) : There is no provision for that in the agreement with the Company ; and we accept the audited accounts of the Government of India.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): Is the member saying that there is no provision in the agreement for the auditing and checking of the accounts ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): Yes ; there is no provision for auditing by this Government.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): May I know whether the Government of Travancore is entirely to depend upon the audit by the Government of India ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) : Yes, at present.

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